

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 12, 2002, please consider amend the application as follows, and consider the following remarks.

In the claims

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Please amend claims 1, 11, and 18 as follows. A marked-up version of these claims is attached at the end of the office action response.

1. (once amended) A surveillance system comprising:
- a digital camera;
 - a detection mechanism to cause the digital camera to take one or more photos of a person, in response to detection of an event;
 - a face detection and selection mechanism to determine a best photo of the one or more photos of the person, the best photo including a best picture of the face of the person from which the person is most easily recognized; and,
 - a database to store the best photo of the face of the person with at least a current date in which the best photo was taken, the database also storing a plurality of best photos of faces of people.